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Case No. 8864/8

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In re Application of:

Griffith D. Neal

Serial No: 09/470,428

Examiner: J. Waks

Filed: December 22, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2834

For: HIGH SPEED SPINDLE MOTOR  
FOR DISC DRIVE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)**

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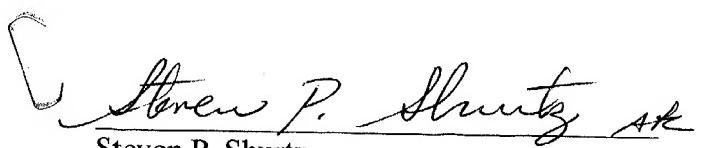
Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

- Applicant is:
- a small entity, verified statement is:  
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Respectfully submitted,

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